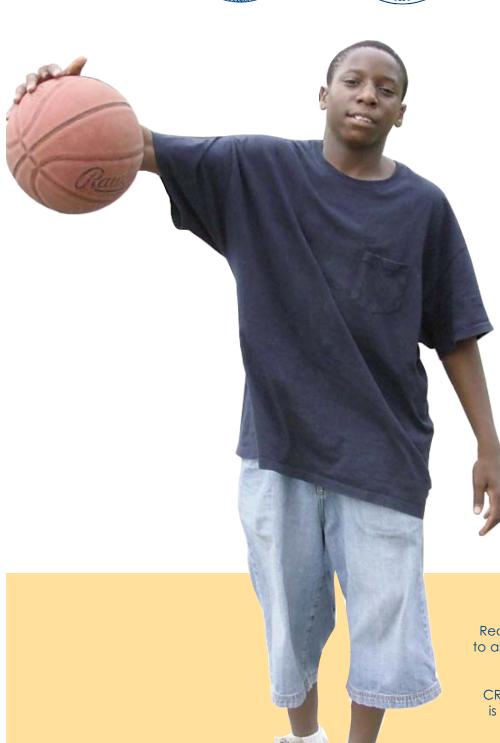


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#### 2007





The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing recreational and cultural activities for all people in our neighborhoods and the whole community. We believe that by enhancing people's personal health and wellness, we strengthen and enrich the lives of our citizens and build a spirit of community in our City.

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# 1 Letter from the Administration

Dear Members of City Council, Cincinnati Recreation Commission Members and citizens:

In my tenure as the Director of Recreation in Cincinnati, I have quickly discovered that the old adage that states "a department is only as good as its staff" is certainly true. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) has long been admired in the industry for having a top-notch staff, but I've discovered first-hand that the people who work in our neighborhoods on a daily basis are the reason we've achieved such a solid national reputation. Even as we've said good-bye to many talented employees this year through early retirement, there have been numerous fresh and eager faces ready to pick up the torch. Their commitment and dedication is something very special and of which we all can be proud.

In 2007, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. While it was a wonderful time to honor our past, it was also a time to begin planning for our future. The world is becoming smaller and more challenging each day. What was true 10 years ago, five (5) years ago or possibly even one (1) month ago, may not be true tomorrow. For this reason, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission is engaged in a 2008 Comprehensive Recreation and Leisure Services Business Plan. The process assists CRC in continuing its successes and adjust to its new leadership after the 2007 Early Retirement Program. The plan will serve as our "road map" for the future by identifying the Recreation Commission's greatest strengths, its challenges by identifying basic service levels, operational standards and financial impact, the plan will lead the way to CRC's future desired operations.

Recreation continues to play a vital role in the quality of life for the people of Cincinnati. I am honored to be a part of the CRC team.



Mounan C. Newfield

Dr. Norman C. Merrifield, Director





# **Happy Birthday**

#### **Celebrating 80 Years of CRC**

I hroughout the past 80 years, we've seen a world at war, a baby boom, the innocent 50's, the turbulent 60's, a president assassinated, man landing on the moon, a world coming to grips with new technology and a new millennium. Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) has been steady through it all.

For 80 years, CRC has delighted Cincinnati residents and provided quality recreation opportunities all over the City. More than 10 million people have been affected in some way by CRC. That's a lot of people! Through the years there have been changes in the games we play. No longer are ukulele classes as popular. Tournaments and games with checkers and marbles have given way to tumbling classes, Tai chi competitions and pottery wheels. "Play streets" have become neighborhood CRC playgrounds.

During these changes, CRC's focus and mission remain the same – to provide quality recreational opportunities for all, no matter the age or ability – for now and the years to come.



RC Celebrates

The ideas and energy of the young pave the way for the successes of tomorrow. CRC knows that now, and we knew it 80 years ago. We strive to include youth in all CRC programming and activities.

#### Youth Leadership

#### **CRC Youth Commissioner**

Each year, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission appoints one teen to serve as Youth Commissioner. Tinisha Brewer served as CRC's 2007 youth commissioner and was an advocate for the diverse group of youth who regularly use CRC facilities.

While serving, her role included:

- Attending and facilitating CRC Teen Advisory Committee Meetings
- Planning and conducting citywide teen socials
- Attending CRC Commission Meetings
- Representing CRC at various citywide events

#### **Teen Advisory Committee Meetings**

CRC invites teens from all recreation centers to participate in Teen Advisory Committee Meetings. At these meetings, CRC staff and teen participants discuss teen programs, plan upcoming city-wide teen socials, and discuss current teen concerns and issues.



#### **Guard Start**

The Guard Start Learn and Earn Program builds a foundation of aquatics knowledge, attitudes and skills for youth ages 11-14. With these skills, youth have the opportunity to become lifeguards at age 15. Participants receive instruction in accident prevention, fitness, emergency response, leadership, professionalism, customer service and swimming skill development.

- Provided growth opportunities for 221 youth at 26 pools
- 191 participants in the 3rd annual Guard Start Junior Lifeguard Competition
- Offered in partnership with the American Red Cross

#### **Sweep and Swim**

The "Sweep and Swim" program gave pool enjoyment to those who could not afford pool passes. Sweep and Swim participants earned memberships through helping out at the pool. More than 1,000 memberships were earned in 2007. Individuals, private groups and businesses donated gently used suits, towels and pool accessories that were then cleaned and distributed to those who needed them.







1. Run a Race 2. Jump Rope

3. Skip with a Friend

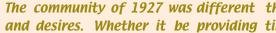
5. Walk a Dog

4. PLAY FOOTBALL 6. SHOOT HOOPS

7. Go to a Concert 8. Go Down a Slide.

9. Go to a Social

12. CAMP



The community of 1927 was different than that of 2007. The need for play and recreation has not changed. CRC has always addressed the community's needs and desires. Whether it be providing time and space for a checkers tournament or a yoga class, CRC is a strong part of the Cincinnati community.



#### **Community**

#### **Playground Refurbishing** at Mt. Washington

Volunteers helped make Cincinnati Recreation Commission what it is today. In just one example of CRC giving, fifty (50) volunteers donated an April Saturday morning to refurbish a playground at the Mt. Washington center. With their help, the playground received needed landscaping and equipment TLC. Thanks, Cincinnati.

#### **Grand Re-opening at LeBlond**

The \$2.8 million LeBlond Center facelift, that began in 2005, was completed in January 2007. LeBlond Center now boasts a 17,000-square-foot building addition, new electric, plumbing and security system. A new pool entry, roof gutters, windows and exterior lighting were also added to make the center's programming the best it can be.













Cincinnati Recreation Commission was proud to welcome Kate Sturman Gorman as an artist in residence at Mt. Washington Center. Ms. Gorman was the leader of the appliquéd quilt project. Foreign exchange students from Otto Hahn Gymnasium (High School) attended an all-day quilting/fusible art workshop.

> Eighth (8th) graders from Nativity School conducted interviews with the quilters which were then displayed next to the quilts at the final exhibit.



The Brazilian Embassy operated from the College Hill Recreation Center for a day in October 2007 and served citizens in need of Embassy services. An informal network of religious leaders, Brazilian churches, shops, bakeries and restaurants assessed the Cincinnati community, The community groups and the Embassy itself felt there was a large enough Brazilian community in Cincinnati to warrant an annual visit from the Embassy. The Embassy's mobile office erases the need to travel to the Embassy in Washington D.C.



17. Go Fishing 18. Dance

19. Sing 21. Join a Club 20. Run through a Sprinkler



### **Healthy Lifestyles**

#### **Get Real, Get Fit**

Get Real, Get Fit is a nutrition and fitness program that educates youth about the benefits of healthy lifestyles. Since its 2005 inception, this CRC program has educated more than 350 at-risk youth. Youth, ages 11-18, in this year's program designed a weekly walking schedule, used pedometers and charted their progress. In addition to the program's exercise component, the teens participated in activities designed to develop healthy eating habits. CRC is proud to offer this program in partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) -Division of Adolescent Medicine.

- 30 CRC youth from Cincinnati neighborhoods participated in a 12-week fitness and nutrition program
- Offered interactive, small-group sessions focused on increasing skills in accurately reading nutrition labels, understanding the importance of movement and healthy snacking





#### **Summer Lunch Program**

The Summer Lunch Program provides free and nutritious lunches for youth at CRC recreation centers and swimming pools. CRC's free summer lunch may be the most nutritious meal the kids get all day!

- Provided free lunches at 13 recreation centers and 26 CRC swimming pools
- 68,748 lunches were served at CRC sites in 2007, a 3% increase compared to 2006

#### **Snack Program**

30. Toss a Ball

New for 2007, the CRC after-school, Snack Program provides free snacks to children ages 5-18 at CRC Recreation Centers. CRC served free snacks to 1,500 children per day at 24 recreation centers for a total of 11,219 well-fed children.



29. Throw a Party

33. Roller Skate 31. Join a Theatre Group 34. Lift Weights 32. Ake a Dance Class



**Special Events** 

2007 was an exceptionally good year at Sawyer Point for events and rentals. Between March 1 and October 30, Sawyer Point was the site of 71 events bringing communities together for play and fun.

#### **Black Family Reunion**

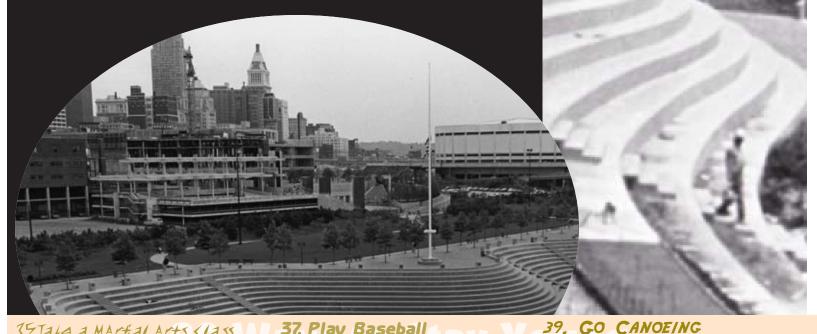
The Black Family Reunion at Sawyer Point on August 18 and 19 provided a fun venue with family activities for approximately 75,000 people.

#### **Piglet Run**

The Piglet Run, a youth component of the citywide Flying Pig Marathon, was held at Sawyer Point and drew 2,000 children.

#### **Showboat** *Majestic*

The Showboat Majestic is the last intact showboat in the United States -- the Showboat has a wooden hull -- that hull, that piece of history, was examined and given the "thumbs-up" during a recent maintenance renovation. The renovation took the Showboat away from the banks of the Ohio and put her in dry dock in Northern Ohio. The Showboat's January 2007 return to Cincinnati was marked with a successful production of "Radio Gals" to begin another theater-packed season. While at home on the Ohio, additional renovations were made that will ensure theater goers a quality Showboat experience. All renovations and improvements were made possible when the Showboat received the \$150,000 Save America's Treasures Grant which was matched by the City of Cincinnati.



Cincinnati Recreation Commission has always made the most of the day. Fortunately, Cincinnati has a beautiful riverfront, and CRC's activities make it even better. An organized bike race may not have taken place at the Waterfront in 1927, but today's events still bring all our neighbors together for fun and play.



#### **80th Birthday Bash**

CRC's 80th birthday party was celebrated at Sawyer Point on July 20 with free games, entertainment and giveaways. More than 3,000 people attended and got to know more about the Cincinnati Recreation Commission as they partied at the Point.

#### **Hershev Track and Field Meet**

Cincinnati's Hershey Track and Field Meet at Taft High School had 450 youth participants. The meet is part of a series of nationwide competitions.

#### **Dazzle Davs**

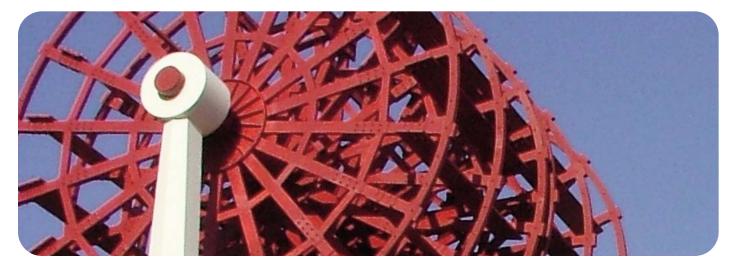
Dazzle Days provided free holiday art activities and games to approximately 4,000 youth and their parents at Downtown Cincinnati's Tower Place Mall.

#### **Kids' Fest**

Kids' Fest is one of the oldest and largest free events for children. Fun activities, musical performances, athletic events, entertainment and useful information about Cincinnati's youth services was presented to the 70,000+ people who strolled the Point.



46. Take Photographs



41. Play a Board Game 43. TRY REPELLING 45. Finger Point 42. Play Cards 44. Go to a Festival

37. Play Baseball 35. Take a MArtial Arts (lass 36. Join a Soccer Team

38. Play a round of Golf



Seniors

**Therapeutics** 

City. From Senior citizens to those with disabilities, CRC is a home for everyone.

At our centers, we know that learning never ends, and having a good time doesn't stop when you're young. CRC Seniors have the opportunity to play, relax, and learn - all while having the wisdom to know the difference! CRC's 16 senior centers and clubs offer everything from quilting and monthly trips to theme parties

Senior Olympics is an annual athletic event for men and women competing in more than 60 individual and team events.

and birthday celebrations.

Since 1968, CRC has sponsored the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame honoring Hamilton County seniors. This event helps the Cincinnati community recognize the benefits and talents of its extraordinary senior citizens. More than 1,500 seniors have been inducted. In 2007, the CRC Senior Hall of Fame event celebrated it's 40th year with 36 honorees and more than 800 in attendance.

The 50+ Adventure Club promotes healthy lifestyles through programs including archery, scuba, backpacking hiking, kayaking and canoeing

Programs offered by CRC's Therapeutic Recreation Division meet needs and interests of all individuals with mental, physical and learning disabilities. CRC is recognized as an advocate for the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all recreational programs.

Every community has a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities. Cincinnati Recreation Commission is proud to enjoy the benefits of all members of the

Adapted sports activities include basketball, baseball, bowling, tennis and swimming. These CRC adapted sports attracted 150 individuals in 2007 and were presented in cooperation with BlazeSports America. CRC's Therapeutics programs are grateful to partner with CITE, Special Olympics and Reds Community Fund, as well as other community groups.



54. Make a Card

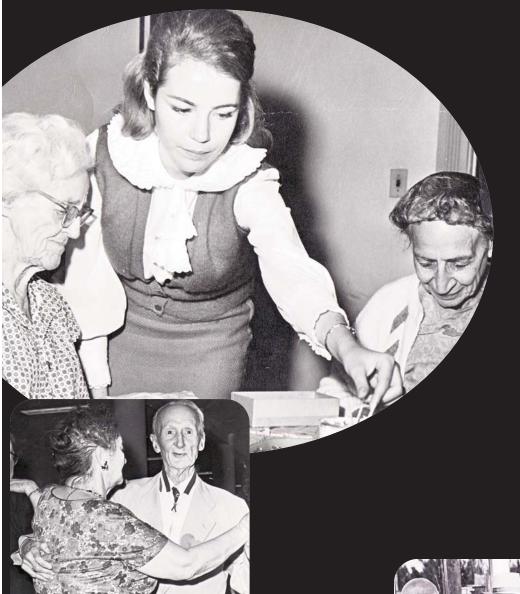


Individuals with disabilities face special challenges each and every day - particularly in sports. Cincinnati Recreation Commission has tackled some of these challenges and provides adapted golf carts to specifically address the needs of those with disabilities on the golf course.

Single Rider carts allow the golfer to transfer directly from his/her car or wheelchair to the cart. The carts can go almost anywhere on the course, including putting greens. A chest harness is provided for additional upper body support, and clubs are mounted on the front for easy accessibility. In addition to allowing the golfer to play from a seated position, the adapted cart elevates and supports the golfer.

CRC offers group and individual instruction with PGA professionals and Golf Clinics for people with disabilities. Accessible Golf is available at six (6) of the seven (7) Cincinnati Recreation Commission Golf Courses.







47. Skip Rocks 49. Resistance Training

48. Wade in a Pool

50. Join a Cardio Class 51. Do Yoga 53. LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE

55 Write a Short Story 57. Re

57. Read a Good Book

56. Join a Cooking Class



Fun in the good ole' outdoors has seen some changes throughout the year. In today's world, there may be more campers looking for electrical outlets for their TV's or DVD players. The outdoors still provide us with a wide range of beautiful experiences, and CRC helps Cincinnati explore and enjoy all that is nature.

#### **Outdoor Fun**

#### **Hooked on Fishing**

Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs (HOFNOD) provides fishing instruction and activities, aquatic exploration and free equipment to participating CRC centers. The program emphasizes the value of positive outdoor recreational activities while educating children about the negatives of drug use. HOFNOD is made possible through support from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The Cincinnati Parks Department, Hamilton County Parks, Mustard Hooks, Morgan's Canoe Livery, Busken Bakery and the Cincinnati Police Department.



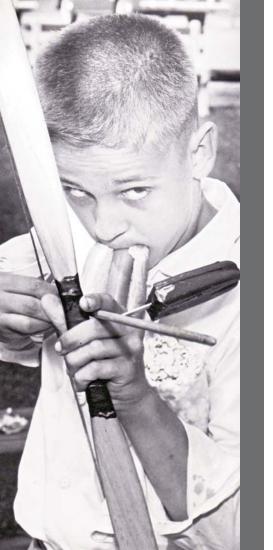
#### **Swim Teams/Lifeguards**

More than 450 participants competed in CRC's citywide youth swim league and represented CRC at the 6 weekly meets and city finals championship. This instructional league, for children 17 and under, focused on improving swimming skills, dedication and teamwork.

The CRC Aquatics Department boasted 52 participating teams in the American Red Cross Regional Lifeguard Competition where swimmers tested skills and competed against the best lifeguards in the tri-state area.

60. Play Checkers





#### **Community Garden at Savier Park**

One of CRC's best assets is its staff. Here's just one example of CRC's get-up-and-go...Kelly Sizemore, a Sayler Park Recreation Center employee, took the initiative to begin a garden for the community of Sayler Park to tend and enjoy. She worked with the Civic Garden Center to become certified as a master gardener and master composter. She partnered with Home Depot for garden design, donation and the garden build. The center's garden is 30'x30' and can be seen flourishing with vegetables, herbs and flowers.





#### **River Trek**

2007 was the 11th anniversary of the RiverTrek journey of self discovery that brings teens together from diverse backgrounds. RiverTrekkers learn camping, canoeing, kayaking, leadership and teamwork skills on this 75-mile trip along the Scenic Little Miami River.

- July 30 August 3, 19 teens ages 13 to 17 trekked 5 days and 4 nights along the Little Miami River
- Senior citizen clubs from Kennedy Heights, Mt. Washington and Oakley Recreation Centers cooked meals and ate with RiverTrek youth
- Funding came primarily from the Charles H. Dater foundation with additional sponsorship from Morgan's Canoe Livery, LaRosa's, Heater Meals, Carl Rahe Access, Daniel Beard Council of Boy Scouts of America, Kroger, Professional Awards, Provident Camera, the Cincinnati Police Division and the Cincinnati Park Board



59. Plant Flowers

61. Take a Sewing Class

63. Try a Word Puzzle

62. Teach Someone Something

64. Make Sock Puppets

66. Go to a Musical

68. Make Dried Flowers

67. Play Tennis

69. Play Marco Polo

65. Put on a Play



#### **Successful Partnerships**

#### **Kroger Family Fun Pool Days**

The Kroger Company generously donated \$30,000 once again to fund the 7th season of Sunday Family Fun Days. There were 23 events held in 20 Cincinnati neighborhoods. These Family Fun Days were complete with music, snacks, cool drinks and swimming while benefiting 6,560 people.

#### **National Night Out**

CRC hosted the 1st-ever auxiliary National Night Out on August 7 for Police District 3 at the Otto Armleder Memorial Park on the Little Miami River. The event included demonstrations of the new police boat, segway, police horse, crash unit, dare van, and police dog. Target & Kroger Co. graciously sponsored the evening which drew more than 800 visitors.

#### **Summer Outreach Festivals**

CRC sponsored summer festivals to build rapport between police and neighborhood residents while increasing awareness of available neighborhood services. More than 3,000 Cincinnati residents learned about police responsibilities and experienced their equipment the very equipment police use every day. The festivals were held throughout the summer at Millvale Recreation Center, Over The Rhine's Washington Park and Avondale's Hirsch Recreation Center.

Summer outreach festivals were provided in partnership with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, Cincinnati Police Department, Cincinnati Fire Department, various Community Councils and community groups.



#### **Aduatics**

CRC's Aquatic Division is proud to work side-by-side with the Kroger Company, Cincinnati Chapter of the American Red Cross, The University of Cincinnati Alumni Association, UC's Campus Recreation Center and Mr. Stanley Chesley to provide quality water programs and activities.

Aquatics also enjoys successful annual partnerships with the American Red Cross. In 2007, the CRC Aquatics Department again partnered with the American Red Cross to provide CRC a total savings of \$4500+ through Lifequard and Water Safety Instruction course fee reductions and the waiving of certification fees for CPR, First Aid and Lifeguarding.



#### **Reds Rookie Success League**

Reds Rookie Success League is a six-week, non-competitive, character-building summer baseball league targeting inner-city youth, ages 8-11. The Success League's mission is to teach children how to "be a successful person first" by emphasizing important life lessons in addition to baseball. CRC partners with the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund to present this program each year.

- 685 youth registered and participated
- 103 coaches, many of them volunteers, taught youth about life and baseball
- Reds provided on-site certified athletic trainers at practices and games as well as equipment and daily refreshments
- Free lunches through the Summer Lunch Program



#### **NFL Youth Flag Football**

CRC partners with the Anthony Muñoz Foundation each year to offer NFL Youth Flag Football. The Foundation provides funding to purchase safety equipment. jerseys and promotional materials.

The Flag Football program engages both boys and girls as they learn teamwork and good sportsmanship while developing fitness skills.

- In 2007, conducted six (6) leagues with 65 teams
- 1175 youth participated



70. Dress up like a Clown

71. Do Cartwheels

72. Dive into a Pool

74. Play Hopscotch 73. Drive a Golf Cart

75. Swing Across Monkey Bars

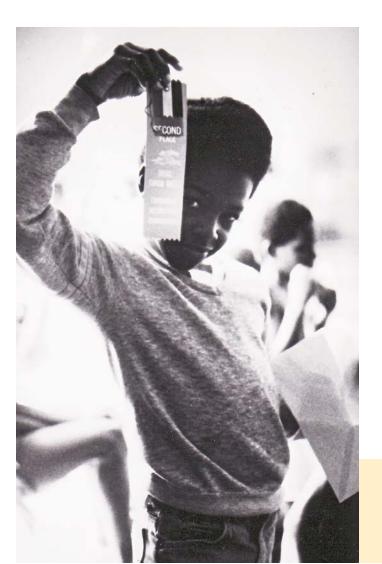
76. Bird Watch 77. Boat Watch 79. Take a Hula Class



#### **Awards**

In 2007, Cincinnati Recreation Commission was proud to receive industry kudos. CRC, along with Hamilton County Park District, showed its award-winning style as we took top honors for Otto Armleder Little Miami Park. The 350-acre park is home to many soccer fields, walking paths, a playground, a permanent shelter, and more. Otto Armleder Park celebrates CRC's dedication to play and is known as one of Cincinnati's last great open spaces.





CRC also received top honors for its 2006 Artist-in-Residence program. As part of this award-winning program, professional artist, Jean Howat Berry, led youth in development of individual and group-acting skills. Cincinnati Recreation Commission collaborates with the Ohio Arts Council to bring Cincinnati youth quality artistic activities.

Each year, CRC focuses on expanding youth's horizons through an Artist-in-Residence (AIR) program. The 2007 AIR featured artist Kate Sturman Gorman and narrative art quilts. For four (4) weeks at the Kennedy Woodford Center, Cincinnati youth had the opportunity to develop artistic skills through daily demonstrations, professional networking and regular classes.

## **CRC** by the Numbers

2Acres of Recreation	58 Utdoor Basketball Courts	39 Aquatic Facilities	
27 Recreation Centers	3 Skating Rinks	247.504 Visitors to CRC Pools	
112 Playgrounds	29 Football Fields	122 Tennis Courts	
3_088 Employees(full-and part-time)	Soccer Fields	Baseball / Softball Fields	
74.710 Free Meals Served (at Centers)	<b>711.608</b> Visitors to Sawyer Point	18 olf Course Buildings	
Increase in Showboat attendance from 2006	Senior Centers and Clubs	233,452 3 year average for annual rounds played at CRC golf courses	
	2007 Aquatics Program Statistics		
37 sites 1,582 participants Swim Lessons	26 sites 558 participants Swim Teams	26 classes 221 participants Guard Start Programs	
23 events 6,560 participants Kroger Family Fun Days	9 classes 69 certified Lifeguard Training	15 2-week sessions 51 participar Stroke Clinics	
57 CRC teams 228 competitors ARC Regional Lifeguard Competition	26 instructors Water Safety Instructors	64 classes 11,638 participant Water Safety Presentations	

#### **2007 Media Statistics**

Total TV News Stories

**57,302** Average TV Viewership

Positive Newspaper Rating



My family's experience with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission has been awesome! My daughters have been attending after-school care and summer camps for the past 3 years. The staff have been loving, caring, compassionate and nurturing. As a working mother, I feel no guilt leaving my children in CRC's hands while I can't be with them. Our most memorable moment was when my kids performed live on a real stage at Sawyer Point in front of thousands of people at the Kids'Fest 2006. This was much more than a dance skill showcase - it provided an opportunity to teach kids to be part of a team, develop self-esteem and the importance of being a part of their community. This is just one of many beautiful moments CRC has provided my family. I can't thank you enough for being such a positive part of

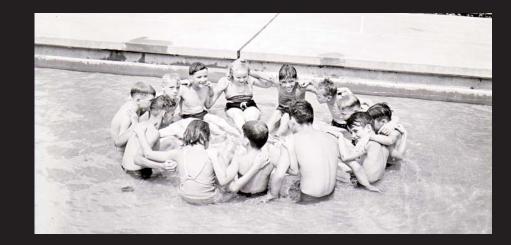
Christine Maddy

our lives!:)

## 80th Memories

My memory is from the 2006 swimming season. My son, 2 years old at the time, was a huge fan of Fairview's baby pool. We frequently would spend hours swimming and sharing our dolphin and shark toys with the other kids at the pool. The best part of our swimming outings for my son was not actually the pool part though. It was "the lunch truck!" The minute the truck would pull up the street and park, he was out of the pool, drying off and waiting in line for his lunch. He was always so excited to get his lunch from "the lunch truck!" It is a famous truck indeed! Thanks for providing meals to so many Cincinnati kids, as well as endless fun for my son.

Kristie Larsen



I love everything about CRC, and have been around CRC for 9+ years. I was a CRC youth commissioner and an intern at the Leblond Center. I stick around the center to help, and I don't even mind that I don't get paid!. I hope CRC is around for a long time, so my kids and their kids can benefit as much as I have!

Jake Lawson

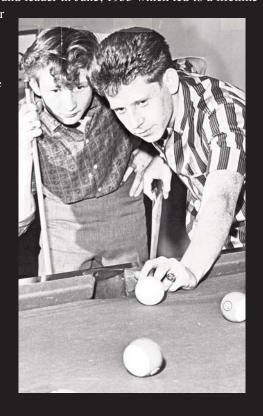
HAPPY BIRTHDAY CRC.

I can't thank you enough for being such a positive part of our lives.

I will always feel that my life "really" started when I became a member of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. A brief synopsis of my entire enjoyable career with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission is the best way I can describe what it did for me then and now. First, I was one of 11 children and things were not going well for the family, so I dropped out of high school in 1952 to help earn money. I went through several different kinds of employment, sometimes having two or three jobs at a time. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission hired me as a summer playground leader in June, 1955 which led to a lifetime

of bigger things in other CRC fields. Bigger things came as I grew to love adding enjoyment to the lives of others with recreation and I made upward progress in what became my lifetime profession. While I feel that I had significant impact on the lives of others with everything that happened throughout my 20+ year CRC career, I think the most noteworthy was the program I started for reclaiming all of the City's athletic fields from private sources who were making tons of money while the City got the crumbs. I thank them and the Recreation Commission for my present status as Director of Recreation in West Palm Beach, FL.

Richard McKenzie



At 53 years old, I count myself lucky to have found such a resource in CRC. My first experience with CRC started in 1999 with a Native Plant Class taught at McKie Center. This led to an interest in Ecological Restoration. Learning about our ecological region led me to restore half my yard to a prairie and I am constantly involved in ongoing plant projects on property in my Price Hill Neighborhood. Being aware of my natural surroundings has definitely kept me involved with my neighbors and my neighborhood. I also became involved with VisionTrek, a teen leadership program through McKie Center, and now at Camp Washington. I have volunteered for the past 5 years on the West Virginia raft trip with local youth, which is guaranteed to keep you young, or at least fast. Through other CRC programs, I have become an intermediate whitewater kavaker and an advanced intermediate downhill skier.

Claudia Archer

# Happy Birthday CRC



In 1974, when my retarded son was 5 years old, I had a chance meeting with a woman who introduced me to CRC's Therapeutic Recreation. I didn't even know there was such a thing as therapeutic recreation for the handicapped. She got me the phone number to call and my son started daycamp that summer. Now, 33 years later, he still enjoys many of the programs CRC has to offer. We have 33 years of wonderful memories and he still remembers all the even more wonderful people who work with the handicapped. Thank you CRC Therapeutic Recreation.

Pat Lunken



#### **Aduatics & Athletics**

The Aquatics and Athletics Division provides Cincinnati residents with fun. safe and quality programs in friendly, community-based environments. The programs meet the needs of all Cincinnations and enrich their lives through physical and recreational activities in the water, in gymnasiums and on the courts and ball fields.



#### Golf

CRC's Golf Division provides full-service and high-quality golf experiences for everyone. CRC operates seven (7) public golf courses. Golf operations are performed via a service agreement with Billy Casper Golf Management. CRC oversees performance, infrastructure and capital improvements.



#### **Waterfront & Special Events**

The Division of Waterfront and Special Events provides recreational and cultural activities for the entire Greater Cincinnati community. Covering more than 22 acres, Sawyer Point is a world-class recreation facility with eight (8) tennis courts, three (3) sand volleyball courts, river overlooks, the P&G Performance Pavilion, Schott Amphitheater, a skating pavilion, the Showboat Majestic floating theater and Every Child's Accessible Playground.



#### **Recreation Center Operations**

The Recreation Center Operations Division is divided into three (3) geographic regions - Central (downtown Cincinnati), East and West.

These regions include CRC's 29 recreation centers, 16 senior centers and clubs, 12 lighted-school programs and 100+ community playgrounds.



#### **Youth & Family Services**

The Youth and Family Services Division works with CRC staff to identify youth-oriented trends in recreation. Division staff also serve as CRC liaisons to other youth-servicing agencies and as mentors to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Youth Members.



#### Therapeutic Recreation. **Seniors & Volunteers**

The Divisions of Therapeutic Recreation, Seniors and Volunteers provide high-quality recreation and leisure experiences for everyone. Therapeutic Recreation offers customized and adapted programs for citizens of all ages with disabilities. Senior programs include specialized and inclusive programming for this special 50+ population. CRC volunteer opportunities offer citizens the CRC chance to help others.



#### **Communication & Design**

The Communications and Design Division provides araphic, marketing, video and communications support for all divisions within CRC. The Design Office creates printed collateral that market and promote CRC programs and activities.

The Communications office spreads the CRC message by providing timely information and updates to the media as well as creating documentary and recruitment videos to project a positive image of the department through various broadcast outlets.



#### **Financial Management**

The Financial Management Division provides a comprehensive financial management program to support all CRC goals and objectives. The Division prepares, manages and monitors CRC's \$27 million, all funds operatina budaet.



# **Maintenance & Trades**

The Facility & Outdoor Maintenance Divisions are crucial to keeping CRC's recreation centers open and safe on a daily basis. The Facility Maintenance Division maintains the safe structure of CRC facilities. The Outdoor Maintenance Division services athletic fields, playgrounds and recreation sites.

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about CRC and its programs

For more information



#### **Human Resources**

CRC's Human Resources Division reflects a broad range of personnelrelated services. Human Resource Division staff work with all CRC divisions and provide assistance as needed.



#### **Technical Services**

The Technical Services Division administers all activities related to CRC's capital budget. Capital improvements and projects range from simple replacement of capital equipment to acquisition and development of new recreation complexes.

# call CRC's InfoLine

# Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the Year Ending 12.31.07

	Revenue	Expenditures*	2007 Operating Budget	
West Region/TR East Region Central Region Maintenance Golf Athletics/Aquatics Waterfront Administration	\$ 706,800 \$ 959,600 \$ 794,400 - \$ 6,552,200 \$ 648,500 \$ 765,100 \$ 65,600	\$ 2,950,584 \$ 2,985,075 \$ 3,297,254 \$ 5,757,202 \$ 6,062,263 \$ 2,067,238 \$ 967,852 \$ 1,866,085	General Funds Restricted Funds Enterprise Funds Federal Grants Debt Service Total Operating Budget  2007 Capital Budget	\$ 15,911,960 \$ 4,135,000 \$ 5,898,910 \$ 250,000 \$ 325,480 \$ 26,521,350
Total Donations	\$ 10,492,200 \$ 342,919	\$ 25,953,553 \$ 373,109	Information Technology Upgrades Recreation Facilities Renovation Outdoor Facilities Renovation	\$130,000 \$2,365,200 \$455,000
Capital Projects  *Includes year-end enc	umbrances	\$ 12,079,835	Athletics Facilities Renovation Compliance with ADA	\$886,000 \$100,000 \$3,936,200

#### 2006 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ending 12.31.06

	Revenue	Expenditures*
West Region/ TR East Region Central Region Maintenance Golf Athletics/Aquatics Waterfront Administration	\$ 673,525 \$ 858,403 \$ 839,120 - \$ 6,121,545 \$ 627,379 \$ 917,606 \$ 48,044	\$ 2,803,388 \$ 2,899,345 \$ 3,225,916 \$ 5,983,240 \$ 6,040,324 \$ 2,029,563 \$ 1,253,157 \$ 2,047,657
Total	\$ 10,085,622	\$ 26,282,590
Donations	\$ 567,086	\$ 555,418
Capital Projects (exp & enc)	\$ 14,148,095	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes year-end encumbrances

#### 2006 Operating Budget

General Funds

Restricted Funds		4,199,400
Enterprise Funds	\$	6,019,600
Federal Grants	\$	555,000
Debt Service	\$	219,000
Total Operating Budget	\$	27,081,000
2006 Capital Budget		

Recreation Facilities Renovation
Outdoor Facilities Renovation
Athletics Facilities Renovation
Compliance with ADA
\$1,423,000
\$172,350
\$656,000
\$100,000
\$3,902,500



\$ 16,088,000

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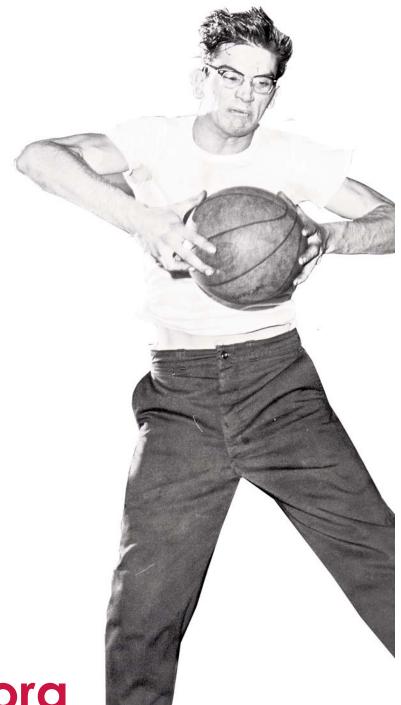
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